



TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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New faces

Alumni Crowell, Carter named to University's Board of Trustees

Two TROY alumni have been named to the University's Board of Trustees by Gov. Bob Riley.

Retired U.S. Air Force Reserve Brig. Gen. Ed Crowell of Pike Road and Karen Carter of Birmingham were selected by Gov. Riley and approved by the Alabama Senate. In addition, three current members – Lamar Higgins, Gerald Dial and John Harrison – were reappointed to the Board.

Gen. Crowell, who earned a Master of Business Administration degree from TROY in 2001,

retired in February after 35 years of service. Since 2005, he had served as the mobilization assistant to the commander, Air University, Air Education and Train Command, Maxwell Air Force Base. He has served a number of short tours of active duty in the Air Force Reserve Command while maintaining civilian employment.

In civilian life, Gen. Crowell is senior vice president of Miltope Corp., a major defense contractor. He is responsible for all human resources, computer information systems, facilities,

safety and security matters companywide.

Carter, a 1973 TROY graduate, is vice president-agency with State Farm. The Birmingham resident who joined State Farm in 1987 previously served as director of life marketing and life strategies team leader at State Farm's corporate headquarters.

Carter is a member of the Junior Achievement Board of Directors, the Business Council of Alabama board and the Troy University Foundation Board. She and her husband Richard, have three children.

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Planetarium celebrates 40th anniversary – A member of the Auburn Astronomical Society explains the workings of a telescope to a father and son during the Astronomy Day celebration at the W.A. Gayle Planetarium in Montgomery on Saturday, May 2. The event also marked the 40th anniversary of the planetarium. It opened in 1969 and is operated by Troy University for the City of Montgomery. The day's events also included presentations by scientists from the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville.

Flash flooding forces relocation of classes in Montgomery

Flash flooding in the Montgomery area has caused the relocation of all TROY classes offered on Maxwell Air Force Base and some on the Montgomery Campus to be relocated.

Some sections of Montgomery recorded as much as seven inches of rain during the storm.

Classes at Maxwell will be relocated for the remainder of the semester or session, according to Ray White, Montgomery Campus vice chancellor.

In addition, classes meeting in the basement of Building 136 on the Montgomery Campus were forced to relocate due to flooding in that building. The relocations were made to offer time for proper clean up, White said.

New opportunities

TROY, AUSA partner to offer scholarships to Army NCOs

Troy University and the Wiregrass Chapter of the Association of the United States Army have partnered to offer full graduate-level scholarships to two Fort Rucker noncommissioned officers for the fall 2009 semester.

The Wiregrass AUSA and TROY announced the partnership on Friday, April 17, during the AUSA general membership luncheon in Daleville.

The U.S. Army has named 2009 the Year of the NCO, and in recognition the AUSA and TROY will offer the one-time scholarships to help two NCOs further their careers, said Sam MacMaster, president of the AUSA Wiregrass Chapter.

“Because NCOs are truly the backbone of the Army, we felt this was the best way to help them advance to future positions in the Army and to advance them to future careers after the Army,” MacMaster said.

The AUSA will select the recipients from a pool of applicants by



From left to right, Dr. Don Jeffrey, vice chancellor of Troy University's Dothan Campus; Brigadier General James Barclay and Sam McMaster, president of the Wiregrass Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, announce that TROY and the AUSA have partnered to offer full graduate-level scholarships to two Fort Rucker noncommissioned officers for the fall 2009 semester. The announcement was made during the AUSA general membership luncheon in Daleville on Friday, April 17.

the end of July in order to start classes at the Dothan Campus in the fall. The scholarships will cover all books tuition and fees.

Dothan Campus Vice Chancellor Dr. Don Jeffrey said the scholarships are another example of TROY's longstanding relationship

with Fort Rucker.

“Our heritage in the Wiregrass starts with Fort Rucker,” Jeffrey said. “We are absolutely proud to be a partner in this scholarship and it is especially meaningful to me because I retired from the Army as an NCO.”

Grant to aid higher education development in Africa

Troy University will be paired with the University of Liberia under a U.S. Agency for International Development grant program aimed at developing higher education in 16 African nations.

Under the grant, Troy University will receive \$50,000 to help plan ways to partner with the University of Liberia in areas pertinent to teacher preparation and education.

“This is particularly important in Liberia where educators struggle to overcome limitations imposed by recent civil war,” said Dr. Becky

Ingram, an associate professor of curriculum and teaching in TROY's College of Education.

TROY's proposal was developed by Ingram and Dr. Tim Hobbs, also a member of curriculum and teaching faculty.

“We believe developing education and teacher training is fundamental to achieving national growth and recovery in Liberia.” Dr. Ingram said.

Twenty U.S. universities, out of 300 submitting applications for capacity-building partnerships, were awarded grants through Higher Education for

Development (HED). Funded by a cooperative agreement with USAID, HED was founded by the six major U.S. higher education associations to engage U.S. colleges and universities in international development. USAID has provided economic and humanitarian assistance worldwide for more than 50 years.

TROY already operates partnerships with universities in Southeast Asia, the Middle East and operates teaching sites in 10 countries, Guam and in 15 states outside its home state of Alabama.

ASN program granted continued accreditation

Troy University's associate degree program in nursing (ASN) has been granted continued accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) Board of Commissioners.

The NLNAC is nationally recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the accrediting agency for postsecondary and higher degree nursing programs. NLNAC accreditation is a voluntary peer review process to enhance quality improvement in nursing education.

The board's ruling extended the program's accreditation for eight years and came on the heels of last fall's accreditation visit. The review process focused on the program's adherence to 23 criteria in seven areas – mission and governance, faculty, students, curriculum and instruction, resources, integrity and educational effectiveness.

TROY's program, which was initially accredited by NLNAC in 1977, was found to be in compliance with all

seven standards, said Dr. Donna Bedsole, director of the program.

"The accreditation of the program by NLNAC denotes that ASN students at Troy University are enrolled in a program that has met or exceeded standards and criteria established to evaluate nursing education quality," Dr. Bedsole said. "Graduates of the Troy University ASN Program are prepared to become some of the very best nurses and are always highly recruited even before graduation from the University."

Dr. Bedsole commended the program's faculty for their continued dedication to students and for their work in the accreditation process.

"The Troy University ASN program faculty members have a very strong commitment to excellence in nursing education and are to be commended for their dedication and hard work in the NLNAC accreditation process," she said. "The faculty in the ASN program work diligently to assure that each individual student receives the very best

instruction possible so that each one is well-prepared to pass the RN licensure exam (NCLEX-RN) after graduation from the program and then prepared to become a caring, knowledgeable nurse."

Dr. Damon Andrew, dean of the College of Health and Human Services, commended the School of Nursing faculty for their work during the reaccreditation process.

"I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of those involved in our reaccreditation efforts as well as the support from Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., and Provost Ed Roach throughout this process," Dr. Andrew said. "The fact that NLNAC chose to award Troy University's ASN program the maximum time before renewal is required is a strong testament to the high quality of our program, and we look forward to the challenges that lie ahead as we strive to meet the needs of the health care community for well-trained and caring nursing professionals."

NCATE awards accreditation to Education programs

Troy University's longstanding mission of teacher preparation was reaffirmed recently as the College of Education received notification of accreditation from its national accreditation organization, according to Dr. Lance Tatum, dean of the College of Education.

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) has granted TROY accreditation of the undergraduate- and graduate-level programs of teacher preparation on the University's four Alabama campuses. More than 6,100 Troy University students worldwide major in education.

"This marks the first time that our teacher education programs in the College of Education have received specialized accreditation as a single

unit," Dr. Tatum said. "Troy University was founded as an institution to train teachers, so we should adopt the highest standards and principles of our profession as established by NCATE in order to continue that legacy of excellent teacher preparation."

Dr. Tatum explained that before the unification of the Troy State University System in 2005, NCATE granted accreditation to two separate campuses and one branch campus within the system. NCATE first granted accreditation to Troy University in 1981.

NCATE reaffirmed TROY's accreditation for the maximum seven years, Dr. Tatum said. He added that more than 60 faculty members and staff were involved in the NCATE process, which was led by Dr. Robin Bynum, associate dean of the College of Edu-

cation and Dr. Charlotte Minnick, director of Teacher Education.

"Dr. Bynum and Dr. Minnick did an outstanding job in leading us through the self-study process. I owe a great deal of thanks to all of my senior staff for their commitment and work in getting the College positioned for success," Dr. Tatum said.

Faculty from three other academic colleges—Arts and Sciences, Communication and Fine Arts and Health and Human Services—also played important roles in the process, Dr. Tatum added.

NCATE, a peer review system which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the professional accrediting body for colleges, schools and departments of education, currently accredits 632 colleges of education.

Proper precautions

University officials recommend use of personal protective measures to avoid H1-N1 flu

In wake of the announcement earlier this week that a Troy University student had been confirmed as a “probable” case of the H1-N1 flu, Troy University officials again urged faculty, staff and students to take proper precautions.

The student, enrolled at the Troy Campus, was recovering from the illness at home, according to a statement from the State Health Officer.

Procedures were initially distributed to students, faculty and staff last week regarding personal protective measures that may be employed by individuals to limit exposure to the virus. They include:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

In addition, it is recommended that you try to avoid close contact with sick people because:

- Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.

- If you get sick, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting

them.

You should also be aware of the symptoms associated with the virus.

The symptoms of H1-N1 in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with virus.

Like seasonal flu, H1-N1 may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions.

Dean of Students Herb Reeves said the University will continue to work with local and state health officials to monitor the current situation and to track and report any probable H1-N1 cases to the proper authorities.

TROY hosts Southern Sport Management Conference

Troy University officials associated with the Southern Sport Management Conference, hosted by the University in April, are giving the event two thumbs up.

The University has served as host for the conference since its inception in 2005, and conference director Dr. Fred Green is pleased with the results.

“We are very pleased with the results of our 5th annual Southern Sport Management Conference,” said Dr. Green, an associate professor in TROY’s Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion. “We had participants from 10 different states. The conference theme of melding professors with practitioners seems to be very well received. We look forward to further growth and involvement from those interested in sport management.”

This year’s event featured the pres-



Sports artist Doug Hess, left, presents a framed Ohio State University print to Dr. Packianathan Chelladurai, winner of the first Sport Management Scholar Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Southern Sport Management Conference at Troy University, as Dr. Damon Andrew, dean of TROY’s College of Health and Human Services, looks on.

entation of the first ever Sport Management Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was presented to Dr. Packianathan Chelladurai of Ohio

State University by Dr. Damon Andrew, dean of TROY’s College of Health and Human Services.

Going above and beyond

Dothan's Bob Willis receives Vergil Parks McKinley Award for April

Bob Willis, dean of student services at Troy University's Dothan Campus, has received the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for April.

Willis, who has been a member of the Troy University staff since 1991, received the award during a ceremony on Wednesday in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Troy University chancellor, presented the award to Willis, who was nominated by Herbert Reeves, dean of student services for the University.

The McKinley Award is the highest honor that Troy University gives to a non-faculty staff member. It is presented monthly to an employee who has demonstrated outstanding attitude, innovation and work ethic. The award was established by former Texaco CEO John McKinley in honor of his father, Vergil Parks McKinley, who was a Troy University professor during the early 20th century and was key to the development of the University's athletic program. Winners of this award receive an engraved clock and a \$350 stipend.

In a letter of nomination, Reeves said Willis had an outstanding work ethic.

"Bob goes above and beyond in every facet of his job, working with faculty, staff and especially students," Reeves said. "Bob genuinely cares about his students. He provides individual attention to any student needing his assistance. He is well respected by all those he works with and comes in contact with. He gives a lot of himself to the Dothan Campus and the students of that campus asking very little in return."

Reeves said Willis was both a team player and a leader.

"He has served in many leadership positions including interim vice chancellor for the Dothan Campus, while maintaining his responsibilities as the dean," Reeves said.



Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor of Troy University, presents the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for April to Bob Willis (center) during a ceremony in the General Academic Building on the Troy Campus on Wednesday. Willis, who serves as dean of student services at TROY's Dothan Campus, was nominated by Herb Reeves (right), the University's dean of student services.

"Bob exemplifies all the ideals of the McKinley Award both in the work environment and in his personal life. He is very engaged in many community service activities giving back to his fellow man and the community of Dothan."

Willis was both surprised and honored to receive the award.

"I have always enjoyed the positions in which I have served with Troy University," Willis said. "I enjoy coming to work every day and working with the students and the great people in student services."



Reward Callers – Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., congratulates winners of the Reward Caller Awards for the month of April during a ceremony on Wednesday. Pictured with the Chancellor from left to right are: Cindy Harden of Army ROTC, Luann Knight of housing and Marilynn Zimmerman of student financial services. Not pictured is Sherieka Williams of student services on the Phenix City Campus. The Reward Caller Awards are given monthly and honor the proper use of phone etiquette and courtesy. Winners receive \$25.

TROY PEOPLE

Activities & achievements

Pickering & Chatto Publishers, in cooperation with Alexander Street Press, has just republished *The Diaries of Elizabeth Inchbald*, a three-volume set by **Dr. Ben P. Robertson**, assistant professor of English. The books now are part of the large amount of material available in *The Romantic Era Redefined* database (<http://romr.alexanderstreet.com>).

On 17 April 2009, Dr. Robertson, assistant professor of English, presented “Embracing William Blake’s Contraries: An Approach to Teaching Writing and Critical Thinking” at the “Writing Matters” Conference in Baton Rouge, LA.

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Dr. Jim Vickrey, professor of speech on the Montgomery Campus, chaired a Freedom of Speech panel and read a paper on “Government Speech” at the 2009 Annual Convention of the Southern States Communication Association, held in Norfolk, VA.

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Dr. Vitaly Voloshin, professor of mathematics, has recently accepted the invitation to give an invited talk at the international conference dedicated to the memory of Lucia Gionfriddo which will take place in December 2009 in Catania (Italy). All expenses will be covered by the University of Catania.

Also, Dr. Voloshin recently served as a peer reviewer for several papers submitted to the major international journals in the field of Graph Theory: “*Journal of Graph Theory*” (Canada), “*Discrete Mathematics*” (USA), “*SIAM (Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics) Journal of Discrete Mathematics*” (USA), and “*Graphs and Combinatorics*” (Japan).

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Dr. Michael Woods, professor of Botany and herbarium curator and Ms. Jann Key, B.S. 2008, Department of Biologi-

cal and Environmental Sciences, authored a paper in the botanical journal *Phytologia* 91(1): 3-17. 2009. The title of the paper is: *The genus Rhynchosia (Fabaceae) in Alabama*. The paper provides dichotomous keys, descriptions, illustrations and county-level distribution maps for the 5 species of *Rhynchosia* that occur in Alabama.

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Dr. Steven Taylor, associate professor of political science, examines civil democracy amid political violence in a new book published by Northeastern University Press. “*Voting Amid Violence: Electoral Democracy in Colombia*” looks at Colombia, South America’s political development.

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Dr. Diane Bandow, business program coordinator at the Atlanta Site, has been named to the 2009 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. Named for former Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige, the award is given by the President of the United States to businesses—manufacturing and service, small and large—and to education, health care and nonprofit organizations that apply and are judged to be outstanding in seven areas: leadership; strategic planning; customer and market focus; measurement, analysis, and knowledge management; workforce focus; process management; and results.

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Festus Fru Ndeh, associate professor of English, presented selections of his poetry and shared parts of his current research project in a presentation entitled “*Selections from Breeding a Tornado and Twisting Canonical Linguistic Blades*” during the English Department’s ninth forum on language and literature on April 15. The forum was organized by Katona D. Hargrave and Dr. Ben P. Robertson.



Annual Fund winners – Three TROY employees, who had given to the University’s Annual Fund, will be taking trips thanks to their generosity. Above left, winners in the Annual Fund drawing from the Montgomery Campus, shown with Barry Ponstein are Betty Carter, who received a 2-night stay at the Imperial Palace Casino, Resort and Spa in Biloxi, and Dr. Mac Adkins, who received a one-night stay with dinner at the Treasure Bay Casino and Hotel in Biloxi. Above right, Amanda Paul of the Troy Campus accepts her prize of a two-night stay at the Imperial Palace Casino, Resort & Spa in Biloxi from Bronda Barron, director of annual giving.

International flavor

Exhibit of sculpture inspired by Civil Rights Movement opens at Rosa Parks Museum

An exhibit of sculptures by 24 international artists inspired by the civil rights movement is now on display at Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum through June 30.

The exhibit, "Civil Rights: International Sculpture from Pietrasanta," features the work of artists who reside in the multi-ethnic artistic community of Pietrasanta, Italy.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Alabama State Council on the Arts and is part of the ongoing cultural exchange between the State of Alabama and Pietrasanta that began in 2008.

Last year, a delegation of more than 40 people from Alabama traveled to Pietrasanta to present a sampling of the state's art. This month, a delegation from Pietrasanta arrived in Alabama to tour the state.

Officials from the City of Montgomery and Pietrasanta met April 29 at the Rosa Parks Museum to sign a sister city agreement.

An opening reception for the sculpture exhibit was held at the museum on April 30.

International artists featured in the exhibit are:

- Armen - Egypt
- Robin Bell - Canada
- Michele Benedetto - Italy
- Olaru Benone - Romania
- Nicolas Bertoux, France
- Stanley Bleifeld - U.S.A.
- Andrea Brabetz - Germany
- Anna Chromy - Czech Republic
- Alexandra de Lazareff - Russia
- Veronica Fonzo - Argentina



Dr. Daniele Spina, the counselor to culture for the City of Pietrasanta, and his wife view sculpture during the opening reception for the exhibit "Civil Rights: International Sculpture from Pietrasanta" on April 30 at the Rosa Parks Museum.

- Maria Gamundi - Venezuela
- Anat Golandski - Israel
- Zoran Grinberg - Serbia
- Andrezej Lemiszewski - Poland
- MOG - Italy
- Yoshin Ogata - Japan
- Bruto Pomodoro - Italy
- Cynthia Sah - China
- Yong Sook Choi - South Korea
- Knut Steen - Norway
- Anna Claire van den Elshout - Holland
- Cordelia von den Steinen - Switzerland
- Jill Watson - Great Britain
- Yemisi Wilson - Sweden/Nigeria.

Special Olympics Games to be held May 15-17

Volunteers are still being sought for the Special Olympics Alabama State Games on the Troy Campus, May 15-17.

Competitions will include 10 sports conducted both on the Troy Campus and at venues in the city of Troy, beginning with the opening ceremonies at 7 p.m. May 15 in Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium.

The ceremony will include a parade of athletes, entertainment and a fireworks show.

Sporting events begin on May 16 at 9 a.m. at various venues. Sport events include swimming, gymnastics, equestrian, bowling, track and field, softball, tennis, bocce, power lifting and golf. A Victory Dance will be held Saturday night.

Closing ceremonies will be conducted May 17 and will include a memorial service for those athletes who have died in the past year.

Volunteers for the State Games are being sought, said Dean of Stu-

dents Herb Reeves.

"Volunteers are very important in order to make this event a success," said Herb Reeves, dean of students.

To volunteer, contact Reeves at 334-670-3202 or via email at hreeves@troy.edu .

"We invite you to visit, cheer or volunteer to assist the athletes in having the best time ever. Your interest and help is greatly appreciated," he said.

AROUND TROY

Commencement time

University to award degrees during ceremonies in Troy, Dothan and Montgomery

Troy University will conduct spring commencement ceremonies on three of its Alabama campuses this month, beginning with ceremonies on the Troy Campus on Friday.

Spring Commencement on the Dothan Campus is set for Sunday, May 17 and on the Montgomery Campus for May 18.

U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Allen G. Peck, commander of Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, will be the keynote speaker for the Troy Campus commencement, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Sartain Hall.



Gen. Peck

Some 657 undergraduate and graduate students will receive diplomas on the Troy Campus. Included in that number are

graduates from 21 states and 13 nations outside the United States.

General Peck earned his commission upon graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1975. He has served as an F-15 aircraft commander, instructor pilot and standardization and evaluation flight examiner. General Peck has completed two tours on the Air Staff at the Pentagon, a joint assignment as Chief of Current Operations at U.S. Central Command and was a National Security Fellow at Harvard. The general has commanded an air operations group in Germany, an air expeditionary wing in Saudi Arabia, and the Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center.

General Peck was a key planner for the air war over Serbia, and served in the Vicenza Combined Air Operations Center as the Chief of Combat Plans during the subsequent campaign. He

also served with the Commander of Air Force Forces at the USCENTCOM Combined Air Operations Center during Operation Iraqi Freedom major combat operations. During a subsequent tour as Deputy Combined Force Air Component Commander, he oversaw planning, tasking, execution and assessment of coalition air operations for operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. The general is a command pilot with more than 2,700 hours in the F-15, including more than 300 combat hours.

Dothan Campus

NASA astronaut Douglas H. Wheelock will deliver the keynote address during commencement on the Dothan Campus. The ceremony is set for 3 p.m. on May 17 at the Dothan Civic Center.



Wheelock

Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost, will confer more than 140 degrees.

Wheelock has been an astronaut since 1998. He was the Crew Support Astronaut for two International Space Station expeditions starting in 2001, during which he served as the primary contact for all crew needs, coordination, planning and interactions, and was the primary representative of the space station crews while they were in orbit.

In 2007, Wheelock served as a mission specialist aboard the space shuttle Discovery during which he logged more than 360 hours in space including three space walks.

He is currently set to launch on a Russian Soyuz spacecraft in the spring of 2010 to serve for 6 months as commander of the International Space Sta-

tion and its 6-person international crew during ISS Expedition 25.

Prior to joining NASA, Wheelock served as a U.S. Army test pilot at the Army Aviation Technical Test Center.

Wheelock graduated from West Point in 1983 and earned Master of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from Georgia Tech in 1992. He attained the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army and among his honors are the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster) and Army Commendation Medal.

Montgomery Campus

Kenneth Coleman, vice president of the Southern Division for Alabama Power Co., will deliver the keynote address at the Montgomery Campus commencement ceremony, which is set for 7 p.m. on May 18 in the Davis Theater for the Performing Arts on the Montgomery Campus.

Prior to joining Southern Company, Mr. Coleman served as Director of Business Development for the Metropolitan Development Board (MDB) in Birmingham, Alabama. He also played professional baseball for seven years in both the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Cubs organizations, reaching as high as the "AAA" level. Two of those years included seasons with the "AA" Birmingham Barons. After retiring from baseball, he spent seven years serving as a guest radio and television analyst for the Barons' broadcasts.

Mr. Coleman is very active in his community. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery Metro YMCA, Colonial Bank and the Capital City Club of Montgomery. He is a member of the Montgomery Area Committee of 100 and serves on the advisory boards of UAB Montgomery and the Junior League of Montgomery.